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WEATHER TODAY.

- Portland, Oct. 29.—Western—
Washington, Western Oregon;
Sunday partly cloudy.
Eastern Oregon and Eastern
Washington fair.

MERELY SUGGESTED.

With timorousness and grave misgivings of the consequences, we respectfully suggest that the Oregonian, after it shall have flagellated the beef-trust and the Ladd trust and all the trusts now in course of lambasting, it turn its blighting hammer loose on the Wilcox-flour-and-grain-trust instead of trying to gull the Oregon public into silly endorsement of the proposition to send Theodore B. Wilcox to Washington to boost the sums of Congressional appropriation for the benefit of Oregon. If it wants to tear down something that is notoriously hateful to the people of this state, let it put a spoke in the Wilcox wheel and scatter the barriers he has raised against the farmer and the small miller and all who have to do with grain besides speculating in it and manipulating it beyond the point of profit to those that grow it and mill it. To have been consistent, the Jovean sheet should long ago have taken steps to right the wrongs done by the coldest-blooded depredator of small private industries in the state, but then Mr. Wilcox has not yet given personal offense to the editor of the Oregonian and so has escaped condemnation and extinction. Let us pray the ban may be invoked before long.

DO IT NOW.

While local party lines, outside the Republican ranks, are in the formulative condition, the one sole duty of the Republican is to register and cease not until the last man under the banner of business and law is in the first and correct position that belongs to the voting citizen. No excuse will avail if this imperative duty is neglected. It will be more than neglect; it will be deliberate political sin, and as such will be unforgivable. Register between this day and the seventh day of November at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, or charge yourself with bad faith and take the next opportunity to correct it, between November 16th and December 9th. Do it now, and hedge against blunders.

EXCUSE DOES NOT EXCUSE.

President Roosevelt and party were at Little Rock, Arkansas, lately and met with a reception as cordial as any he received at any point in the South. An exception is noted here, Governor Jefferson Davis was not present at the banquet tendered the president by the local board of trade. Lieutenant Governor John P. Lee represented the governor and did the honors in as graceful a manner as possible. Governor Davis explains his peculiar conduct by stating that at no time has he ever refused to meet the president or sit at the same table with him, but he would not sit at the same table with General Powell Clayton, who was an invited guest at the banquet. Governor Davis is also re-

ported as saying that he preferred not to associate with those who associated with Clayton. However, the President will not lose any sleep or flesh over the incident.

SAME OLD HIDEBOUND.

While Southern newspapers are sounding the praises of the President for his utterances and general bearing during his tour, and describing the cordial welcomes accorded him, it remained for a Northern paper, and a Brooklyn paper at that, to speak of his journey as "profitless," or words to that effect, not editorially, but in its news columns. Surely that paper cannot have very observant correspondents at the South, for it evidently doesn't get the news—the worst thing that can happen to a newspaper in these days, when the people demand facts, and not mere biased opinion, as in olden times.

NESTY SATIRE.

Tariff wars, international boycotts and radical antagonism are dreadful things to contemplate; there is never any telling how far they may go. When the Chinese merchants decided to boycott American manufacturers they did not think of the fearful revenge we might take upon their countrymen now living in this land. But the counter blow has fallen, the board of United States general appraisers has decided that birds' nests imported into this country from the Celestial Kingdom are "unenumerated manufactured articles," within the meaning of the Dingley tariff law, and as such are dutiable at the rate of 20 per cent ad valorem. This action of the board of general appraisers hits a solar plexus blow to the gastronomy of our Celestial visitors. It won't hurt the chop suey industry very much, but it will put American gelatins in the soup in lieu of the Chinese delicacy, the bird's nest. Little did the Celestial mind appreciate to what desperate lengths we might go in retaliation for their boycott of our goods. Now they know; we have squeezed them in the most vital portion of their anatomy. Hereafter no matter what we may get into the soup the birds' nests will not.—Ex.

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